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Security Council

10.15 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Somalia MG (S/2008/769)

UNOGBIS (S/2008/751)

Other matters

3 p.m.	6037th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. BINUB

   Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (S/2008/745)

Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

BINUB (S/2008/745)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6037th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Briefing for Member States

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	67th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/436) [72]
2. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/437) [73]
3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/438) [74]
4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/439) [75]
5. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/440) [76]
6. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/441) [77]
7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/442) [78]

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m.	211th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

8. The rule of law at the national and international levels: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/443) [79]
9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/444) [99]
10. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/445) [110]
11. Programme planning: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/450) [119]
12. Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/451) [129]
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14. Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/453) [151]
15. Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/63/455) [153]
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    (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.51)
20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolutions (A/63/L.45, A/63/L.47, A/63/L.48, A/63/L.49, A/63/L.50 and A/63/L.53) [65]
21. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.25/Rev.1) [107]
22. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: draft resolution (A/63/L.41) [114 (f)]

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.[1] . . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.27 and A/C.2/63/L.62

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.17 and A/C.2/63/L.61

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.18 and A/C.2/63/L.54

2. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [50]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.26 and A/C.2/63/L.64

3. Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51]

   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.34, A/C.2/63/L.29 and A/C.2/63/L.66

   (b) International migration and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.31 and A/C.2/63/L.67

   (d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.32 and A/C.2/63/L.60

   (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

   Oral decision

4. Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [52]

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.39 and A/C.2/63/L.57 (and statement of programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/63/L.65)

[1] In the event the Second Committee does not finish its work in the morning, arrangements will be made for an afternoon meeting.

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.40 and A/C.2/63/L.59

5. Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.25, A/C.2/63/L.58, A/C.2/63/L.11 and A/C.2/63/L.56

6. Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.4, A/C.2/63/L.48, A/C.2/63/L.43 and A/C.2/63/L.63

7. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110)]

Action on the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/C.2/63/L.68

8. Programme planning . . . . . [119]

9. Conclusion of the work of the Committee

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009):

Construction: Nairobi, Vienna, Addis Ababa (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465); and

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/62/538/Add.2, A/63/570 and A/C.5/61/19)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2008: Information technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/63/487, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/63/487/Corr.2, A/62/806 and A/63/496))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal briefing

The Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Olivier Belle (Belgium), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, *today*, 11 December 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Thursday, 11 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction" (under agenda item 45) (convened by the delegations of Egypt and Singapore)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Thursday, 11 December 2008

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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First anniversary of bombing of the United Nations offices in Algiers (organized by the Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Staff Council and the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV))

At 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Edoardo Bellando, Staff Council Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (room DC1-540; tel. 1 (212) 963-8275; e-mail bellando@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Dignity and justice for all of us: After 60 years of the Universal Declaration, what's next?"

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

UNU Lecture Series (II) — Emerging thinking on global issues on "Human rights: The second 60 years" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>. If you have a query, please contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 11 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 12 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be an informal briefing by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Police Division and Standing Police Capacity" on Friday, 12 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Partnerships" on Monday, 15 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to be immediately followed by another informal briefing on the "African Union Peacekeeping Support Team (AUPST)".

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF's accountability system and on the follow-up to the evaluation of the gender policy implementation on Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

The Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The purpose of this meeting is to elect 9 members of the Committee on the Rights to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 28 February 2009. The documents for the Meeting are CRC/SP/5* (rules of procedure), CRC/SP/39, CRC/SP/40 and CRC/SP/40/Add.1. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914) prior to *Tuesday, 16 December*. Pursuant to article 43 paragraph 5 of the Convention, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European States Group (meeting of election officers)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail eymann@un.org).]

Lecture on "Islamic science and the European Renaissance" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Yemen)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Yemen (tel. 1 (212) 355-1730).]

Panel discussion on "The contribution of population policy to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail zlotnik@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Launch of the Global South-South Development Expo and leaders' round table

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1:
Round table on "Leveraging market solutions for human development"

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change".

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to

support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

Security Council

6035th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 10 December 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 6035th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Wolfgang Weisbrod-Weber, Director of the Asia and Middle East Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Weisbrod-Weber and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

6036th meeting *Non-proliferation*

Briefing by the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, China, Italy and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Croatia.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

65th plenary meeting *Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

In accordance with the decision on allocation of items taken at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-third session and pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 62/171 of 18 December 2007 and 63/25 of 24 November 2008, the General Assembly held the plenary meeting to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly viewed a video message by the Secretary-General.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/25 of 24 November 2008, statements were made by the President of the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.54, as orally revised (resolution 63/116).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, United Nations Prizes in the Field of Human Rights for 2008 were awarded to Ms. Louise Arbour, Mr. Ramsey Clark, Dr. Carolyn Gomes, Human Rights Watch and Dr. Denis Mukwege, and special posthumous awards to Ms. Benazir Bhutto and Sister Dorothy Stang.

The meeting was suspended.[1]

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by Morocco (on behalf of the African States), Thailand (on behalf of the Asian States), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Israel (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Union), France (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt (on behalf of the Arab States), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Brazil (on behalf of the Southern Common Market), Iceland (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Canada (on behalf of CANZ) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 64.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that consideration of agenda item 104 (b) (Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission), which had been scheduled for Thursday, 11 December 2008, was postponed to Monday, 15 December 2008.

66th plenary meeting — *Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/63/435)* . [58]

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Third Committee that was before the Assembly. The General Assembly decided that explanations of vote on the recommendation of the Committee contained in document A/63/435, if any, should be made during the consideration of other reports of the Third Committee, at a later date to be announced.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report A/63/435 (resolution 63/117).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

[1] The General Assembly held its 66th plenary meeting in order to take action on the report of the Third Committee contained in document A/63/435.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Deputy Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of the following countries: Turkey, Brazil, Indonesia, Switzerland, Sweden, Luxembourg, Austria, Norway, United States, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Pakistan, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Slovenia, China, Thailand, Spain and France (on behalf of the European Union), as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Deputy Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East made a closing statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Albania (9 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/63/416	Item 51 — Globalization and interdependence — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.3	Item 51 (c) — Globalization and interdependence: culture and development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/63/551	Item 133 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/740	Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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